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SONIC THE COMIC

get it on!

NEW STORIES!

Sonic!

Tails!

Robotnik!

PLUS WORLDWIDE SOCCER 97 REVIEW, BADNIK PIN-UP & MORE!

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

Let's *face* it, the exclusive Sonic Badge on the front cover is a totally handsome gift! Wear your hedgehog with pride and you'll really stand out from the crowd (you can pay me that money now Sonic!).

Some other goodies to pin down this issue are three new stories, starting with Sega's twenty-four hour hero, Sonic! Tails returns as the Furtual Reality fox, and it's show-time in Sonic's World with Mack the Doc!

Looking ahead to *STC*'s next pulse-racing Valentine's issue (see below), Boomers will be glad to know that Decap Attack return for a hearty new series (plus, there's a double-page pin-up). So I'll be with you in a fortnight come rain or come shine, and remember Boomers, you needn't snow me under with your adoring cards. Oh, alright then, if you have to!

Megadroid

NEXT ISSUE
HEARTENING NEWS...

THE MANIACS ARE BACK
IN A 'DEAD' GOOD NEW STORY & PIN-UP!

PLUS

SONIC! DOOMSDAY! KNUCKLES! VICTIMS! SONIC'S WORLD! BOILING POINT! CHANGE OF ART! GROOVY GRAPHICS!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

HERO HOUR

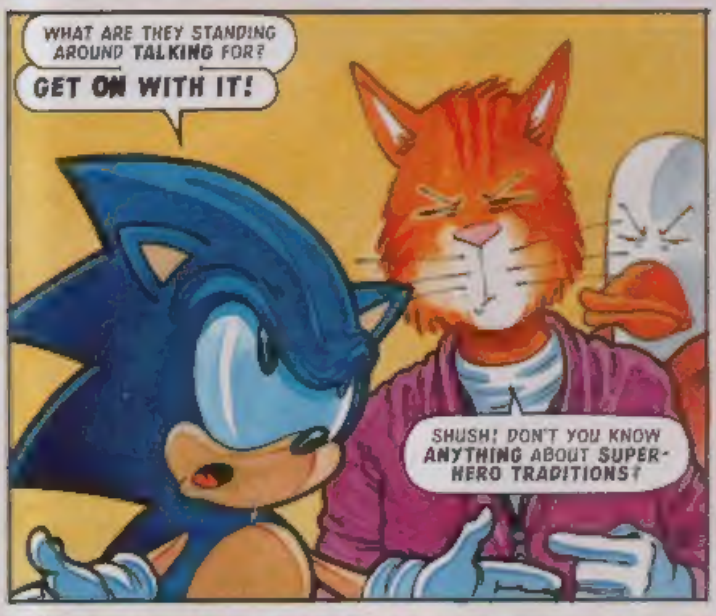
COMPLETE STORY

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ANDY PRITCHETT Lettering: TOM FRAME

BUTT OUT, HEDGEHOG! WE'VE GOT OUR OWN HEROES TO DEAL WITH VILLAINS LIKE THE YOB!
EH?
HERE THEY COME NOW! YAYYY!
WHO ARE THEY?
THEY CALL THEMSELVES... THE ZED MONKEYS!
CYCLECLIPS! TEAM LEADER!
ARMPIT! – HOLD YOUR NOSES!
GREYJEANS! – WILD BUT WELL-GROOMED!
SNOW MONKEY! – CHIMP OF CHILL!
CHIMPOLINE! – THE ANGRY APE!

STAND READY TO BOMBARD THE YOB WITH OUR UNCANNY POWERS, MY FELLOW ZED MONKEYS!
SIGH. WE'RE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE AS EVER, CYCLECLIPS!

YEAH! THE YOB IS ABOUT TO LEARN THAT I'M THE BEST AT WHAT I DO... AND WHAT I DO IS GET ANGRY AND SCOWL A LOT!
IT'S A POWER THAT REQUIRES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, CHIMPOLINE!


WHAT ARE THEY STANDING AROUND TALKING FOR? GET ON WITH IT!
SHUSH! DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SUPER-HERO TRADITIONS!

LOOK AT THE TIME!
GASP! YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S TEN O'CLOCK!
HERO HOUR!

HUR, HUR! PERFECT TIMING!
WHAT GIVES? YOU APES ARE LETTING HIM GET AWAY!

DON'T THEY TEACH YOU ANYTHING WHERE YOU COME FROM? THIS IS HERO HOUR!
AYE! WE MUST POSE AND FLEX OUR MUSCLES FOR ONE HOUR AT TEN O'CLOCK EVERY DAY! 'TIS THE RULE OF OUR MENTOR, PROFESSOR ZED!
YOU MONKEYS ARE NUTS!

PROBLEM IS, THAT'S THE TIME THAT MOST CRIMES TAKE PLACE! PITY WE CAN'T STOP THEM, BUT THAT'S THE PRICE OF LOOKING COOL! RROWWLL! LOOKIN' GOOD!
DON'T KID YOURSELF, CHIMPFACE!

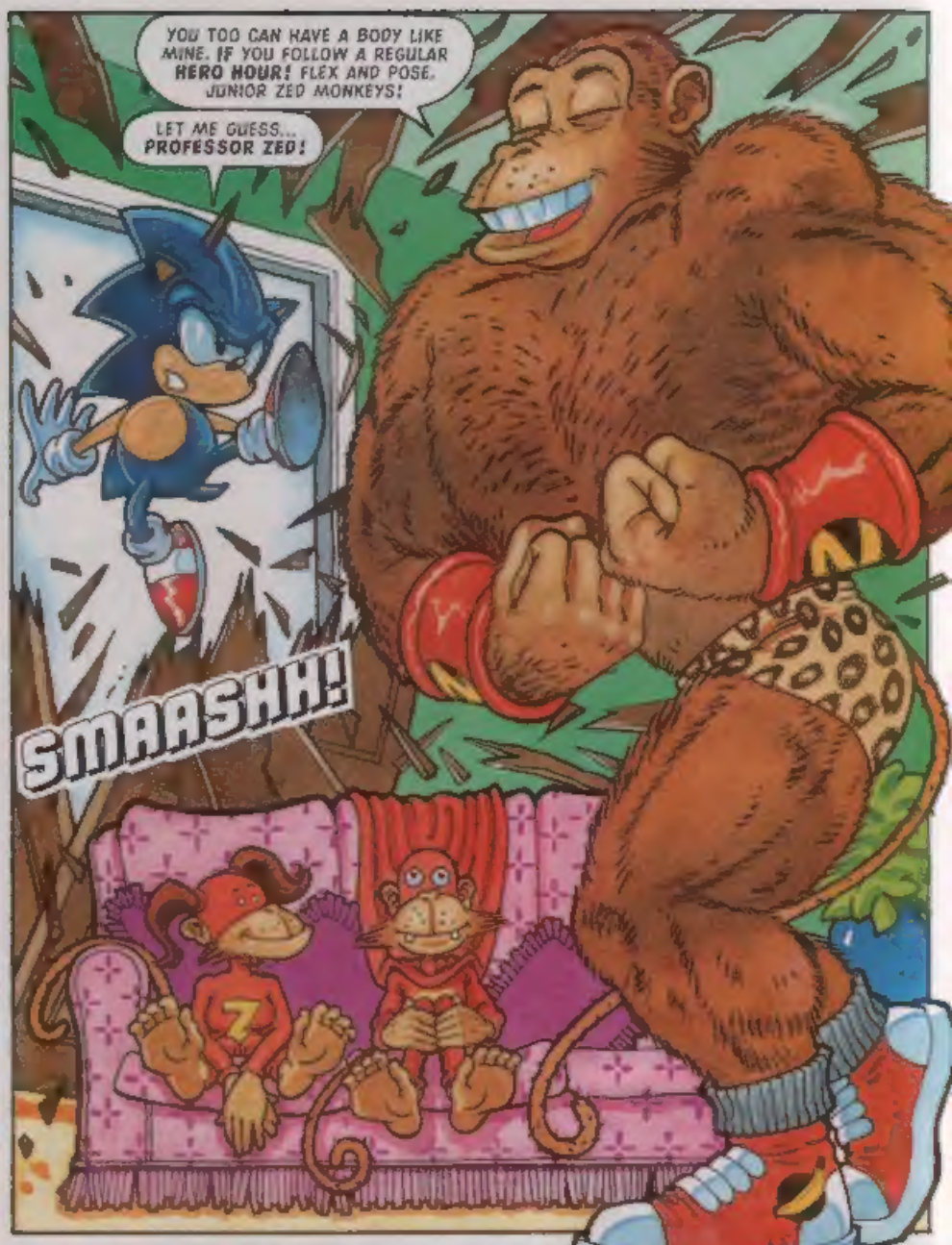
POSE ALL YOU LIKE, BUT I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
WHOOOSH!

HUR! TRY YER WORST, SHRIMP! NOTHIN' CAN BUDGE THE YOB!

SORRY, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
WHUMMP!
WHUURRGH!

THE POLICE ARRIVE...
HE'S ALL YOURS!
I'M GONNA PAY PROFESSOR ZED A VISIT!

SOON, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE RIGHT PLACE!
PROFESSOR ZED'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED MONKEYS


YOU TOO CAN HAVE A BODY LIKE MINE. IF YOU FOLLOW A REGULAR **HERO HOUR!** FLEX AND POSE, JUNIOR ZED MONKEYS!
LET ME GUESS... **PROFESSOR ZED!**
SMAASHH!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS INTRUSION?
CHIMPOLINE TOLD ME THE CITY'S **CRIME RATE** INCREASES EACH TIME YOUR ZED MONKEYS STOP FOR A **HERO HOUR!**
BIT OF A **COINCIDENCE**, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

KEEP OUT OF OUR MONKEY BUSINESS, HEDGEHOG!
COOL IT, BONEHEADS! LISTEN TO ME!

FACE THE METALLIC MIGHT OF MY **BICYCLE CLIPS**, SPIKY ONE!

TIME TO ACTIVATE MY **AWESOME ARMPITS!**

ER... HAS ANYONE FIGURED OUT WHAT **MY** POWERS ARE YET?

SNARL!

MELTY!

IF I'M RIGHT, YOU'RE NOT WHAT YOU SEEM. ARE YOU "PROFESSOR"?

WHIZZZ!

STOP! I CAN'T STAND THE PRESSURE OF YOUR VORTEX!

POP!

AWK! I'VE BEEN RUMBLED!

IT'S **MADMEANO!** OUR OLD ENEMY!

THEN **PROFESSOR ZED** WAS JUST A **DISGUISE!**

RIGHT! WEARING THAT **PADDED COSTUME**, MADMEANO SET HIMSELF UP AS YOUR LEADER, KNOWING YOU ZED MONKEYS WERE GULLIBLE ENOUGH TO STOP FOR A **HERO HOUR**, WHILE HIS BUDDIES COMMITTED CRIMES!

I'D HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT TOO, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT INTERFERING HEDGEHOG! BAH!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: DOOMSDAY!

REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNSVILLE
40-70 = NORMALSVILLE
70-80 = FUN CITY
80-90 = BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97

Reviewed by Chris Jones.

SATURN

GAME TYPE: SPORT
PLAYERS: 1-2
PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £44.99
RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

"Small boys in the park, jumpers for goal posts, rush goalie... Hmm...marvellous!" So might say Ron Manager, the comic character from 'Beeb' 2's *The Fast Show*, if he saw **Worldwide Soccer '97**. This new soccer sim on the Saturn easily eclipses all previous attempts to capture the game of 22 men and a leather ball on a games machine.

Worldwide Soccer '97 is as close as you can get to an arcade soccer machine at home, without moving into an arcade. Featuring all the international teams, various tactics and different tournaments this is more fun than watching a nil-nil draw on TV. The basic controls allow you to pass, chip and shoot but you can improve your skills with practice and perform one-two's, shimmies and bicycle kicks. As for the graphics and animation, they are premier league standard with players able to trap the ball, turn and dribble, stumble and even jog backwards when defending!

The gameplay may take a while to master but soon you can be playing like Manchester United. There are options to choose from such as one of three stadiums to play in, and you can play day or night and in rain or shine. Gary Bloom, *Football Italia's* man behind the mike, provides the commentary and his words only add to the excellent gameplay and atmosphere. This is a tremendous effort all round; the lads have given 110% and I can't ask for more than that. They've set their stall out early on and played a blinder!

FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES
"GOOOAAAAL" The Brazil of football games.

GRAVES
No real players names in the teams.

GRAPHICS	95
SOUND	90
PLAYABILITY	90
OVERALL	92

THE MYSTICAL ELDER TREE HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND NOW THE ANCIENT TREES HAVE SWORN TO TAKE THEIR REVENGE ON PLANET MOBIUS.
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED. THE BAD GUYS ARE STILL AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
KNUCKLES
ROOTS
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!
BRAKKA-BRAKKA-BRAKKA!
HAVEN'T YOU CLOWNS DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE?
WOKK!
EBONY, BEHIND YOU!

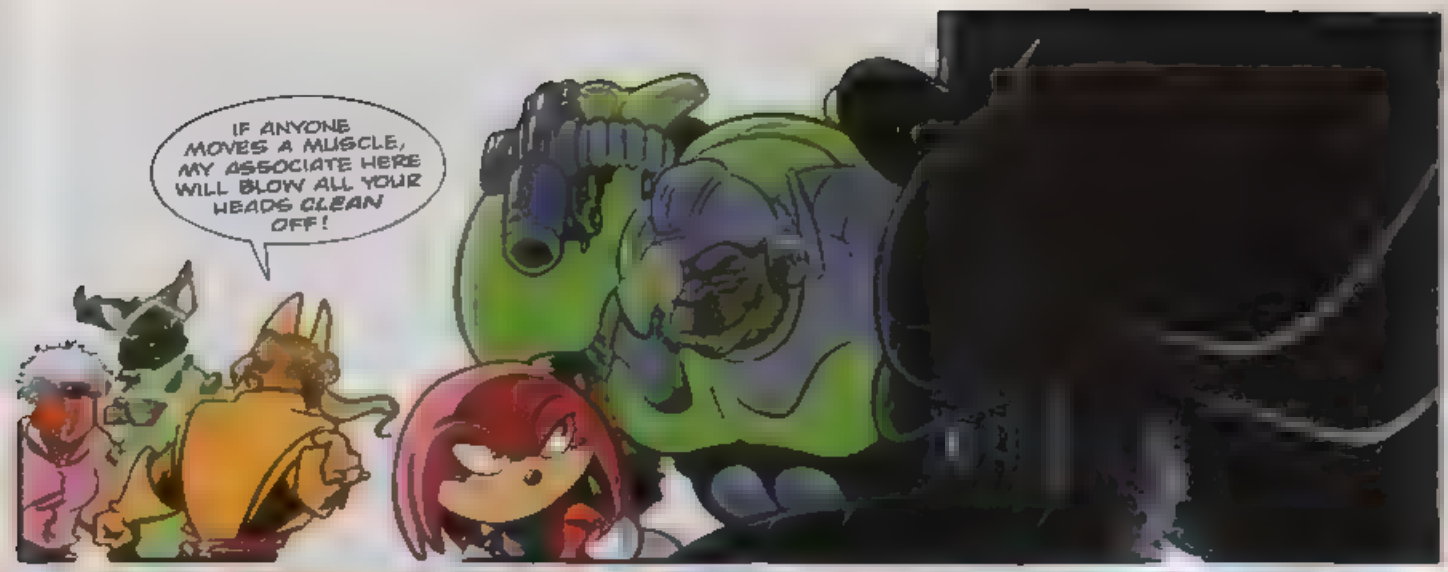
OMEN! NOW WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, YOU WEIRDO?
IT'S A NEW SPELL I RECENTLY PERFECTED. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE IT!

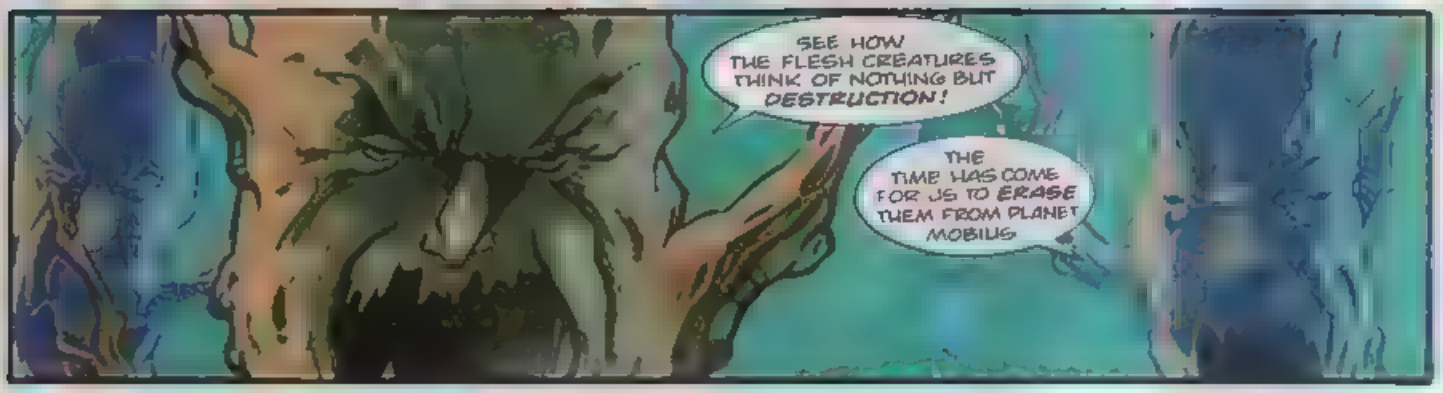
TENDRILS SPRINGING UP TOO MANY FOR ME TO STOP!

YOUR MAGIC ALWAYS WAS INFERIOR TO MINE AND THIS PROVES IT!

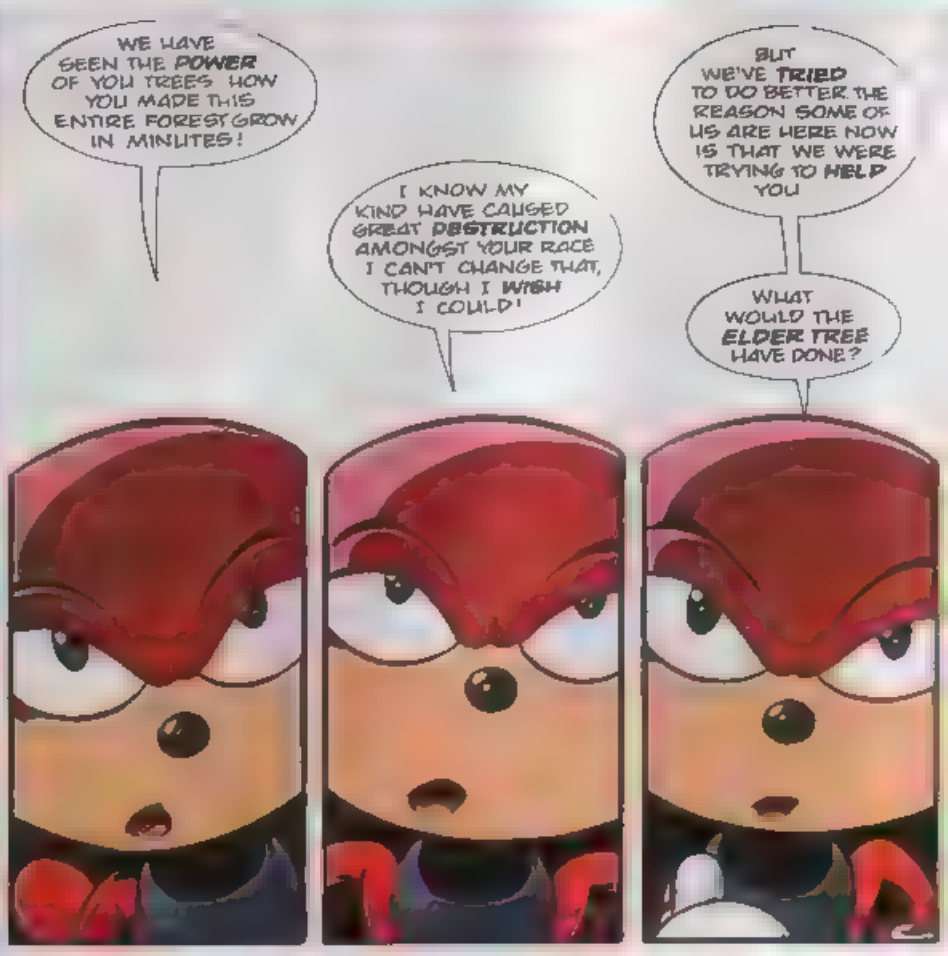
DON'T WORRY, EBONY I'LL SOON FREE YOU I'LL ONLY TAKE A SECOND TO FINISH OFF THIS BOZO!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK PAL


IF ANYONE MOVES A MUSCLE, MY ASSOCIATE HERE WILL BLOW ALL YOUR HEADS CLEAN OFF!


SEE HOW THE FLESH CREATURES THINK OF NOTHING BUT DESTRUCTION!
THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO ERASE THEM FROM PLANET MOBIUS

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE PLANET? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
DON'T BE A FOOL OMEN


WE HAVE SEEN THE POWER OF YOU TREES. HOW YOU MADE THIS ENTIRE FOREST GROW IN MINUTES!
I KNOW MY KIND HAVE CAUSED GREAT DESTRUCTION AMONGST YOUR RACE. I CAN'T CHANGE THAT, THOUGH I WISH I COULD!
BUT WE'VE TRIED TO DO BETTER. THE REASON SOME OF US ARE HERE NOW IS THAT WE WERE TRYING TO HELP YOU
WHAT WOULD THE ELDER TREE HAVE DONE?

HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
NOOOO!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'LL DO TO THEM?
DO NOT WORRY, WE WILL NOT CAUSE ANY HARM. WE SEE NOW THAT VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER
NEVER RETURN. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!
THUDD!
WE'VE WON!
YEAH BUT WE WERE TOO LATE TO SAVE THE ELDER TREE
DO NOT GRIEVE FOR THE ELDER... HIS TIME WILL COME AGAIN

NEXT ISSUE **KNUCKLES** BEGINS A NEW ADVENTURE

TAILS

COMPLETE STORY

FURTUAL REALITY

Script: JEAN STRINGER
Art: ROBERTO CORONA
Colouring: STEVE WHITE
Lettering: GORDON ROBSON

AS ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON PLANET MOBIUS TAILS IS HONEST, HEROIC AND COURAGEOUS

BUT HE CAN ALSO BE TOO TRUSTING!

WOW! A FAN CLUB FOR ME!

TAILS IS HEREBY INVITED TO MEET HIS ADORING FANS IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE!

TAILS IS A FOXY FOX!

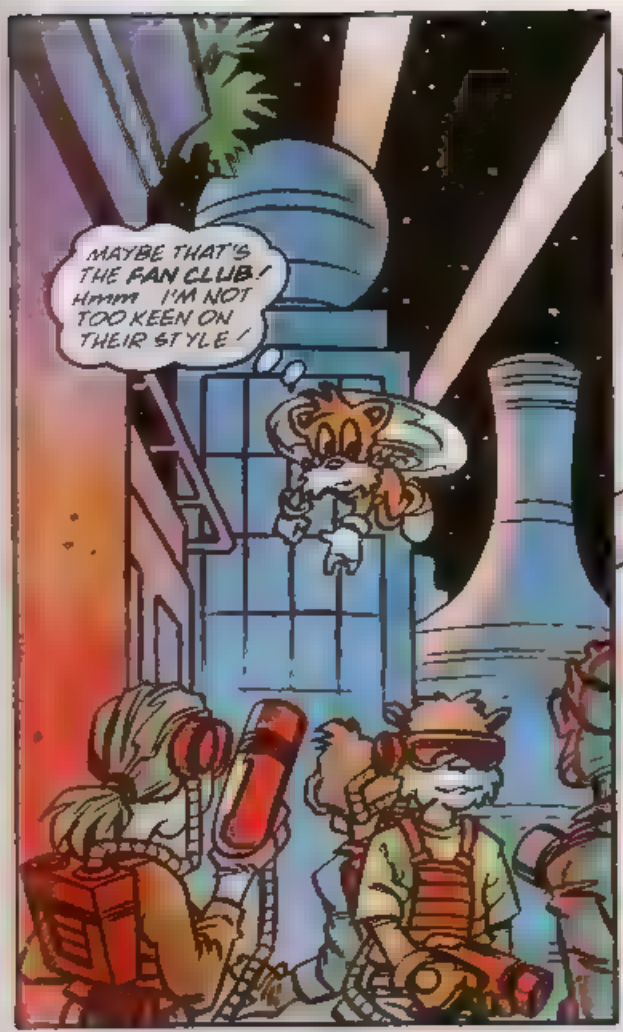
WE LOVE TAILS!

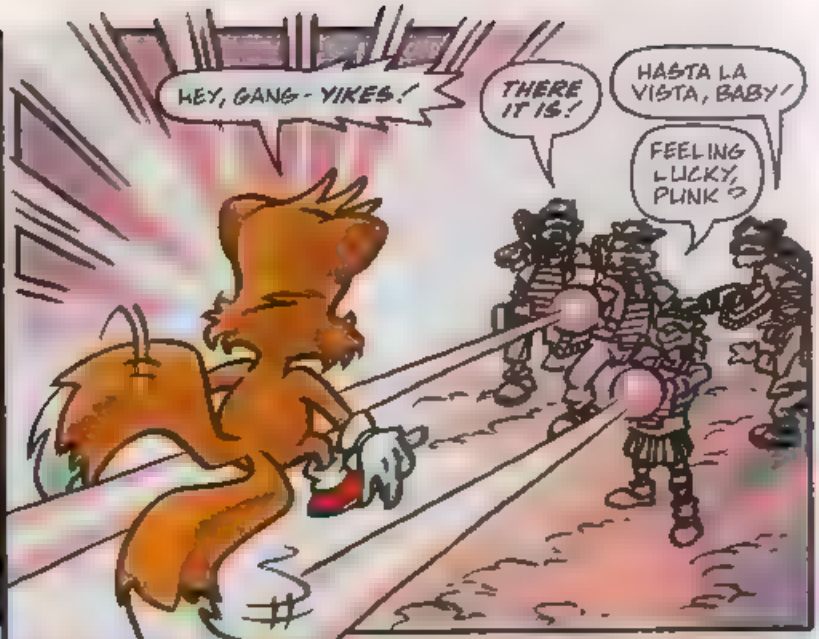
MUSTN'T KEEP MY PUBLIC WAITING!

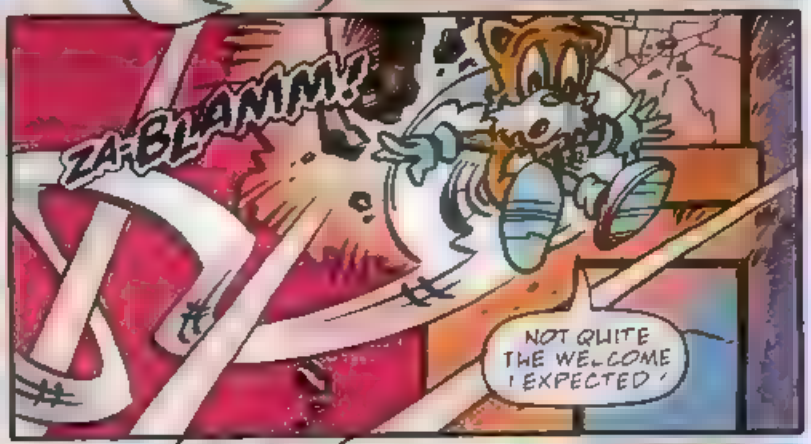
SOON TAILS EAGERLY ARRIVES AT THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE

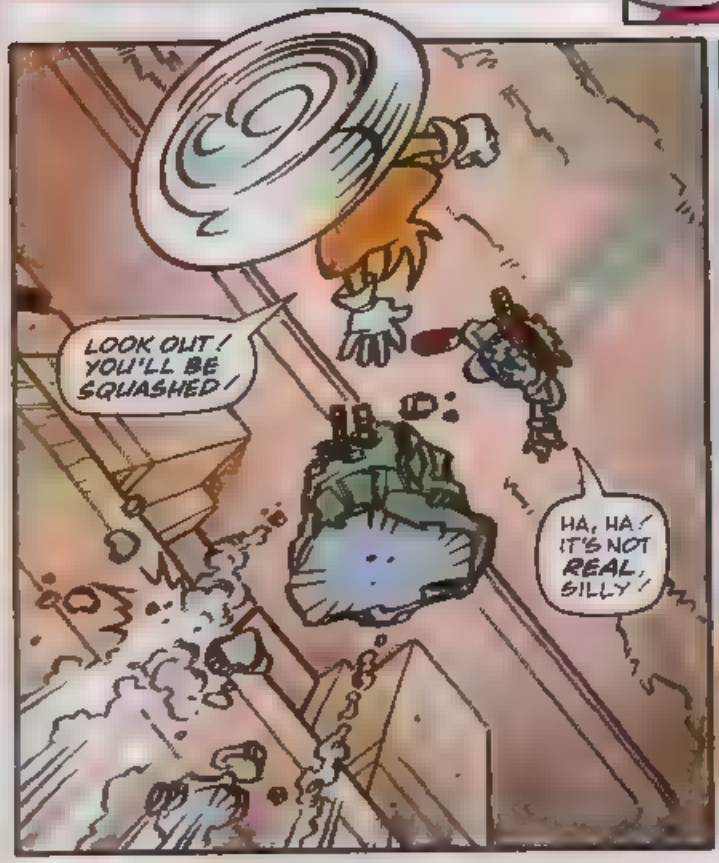
I GUESS MY FANS WANT TO THANK ME FOR HELPING THEM A WHILE BACK!*

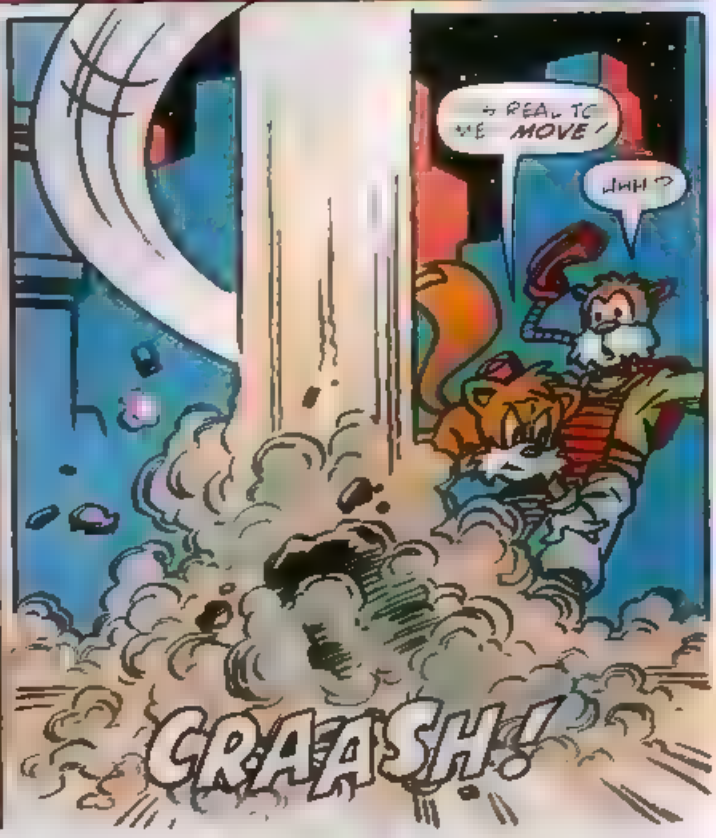
* SHAME ON YOU IF YOU MISSED THE FUN IN STC #80 & 81 - Megadroid

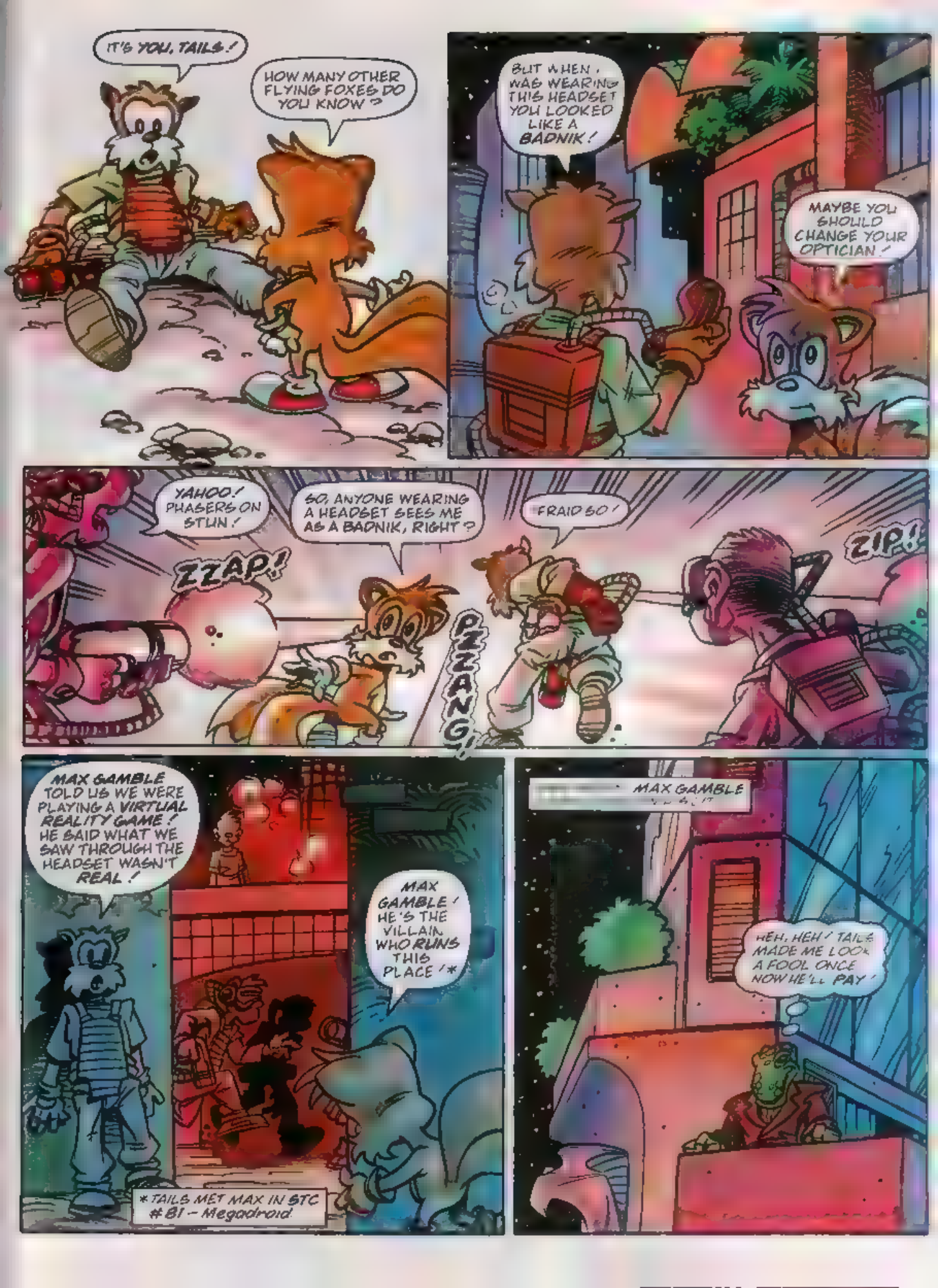

MAYBE THAT'S THE FAN CLUB! Hmm I'M NOT TOO KEEN ON THEIR STYLE!


HEY, GANG - YIKES!
THERE IT IS!
HASTA LA VISTA, BABY!
FEELING LUCKY, PUNK?

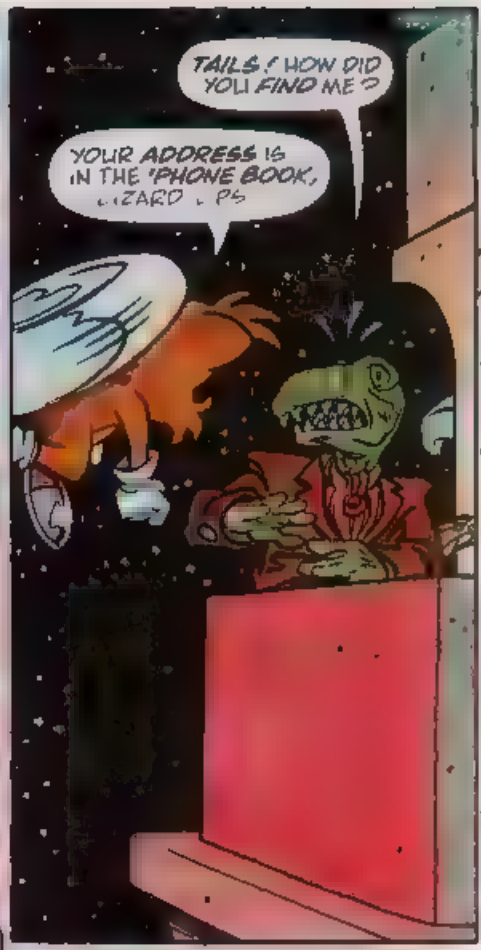

ZA-BLAMM!
NOT QUITE THE WELCOME I EXPECTED!

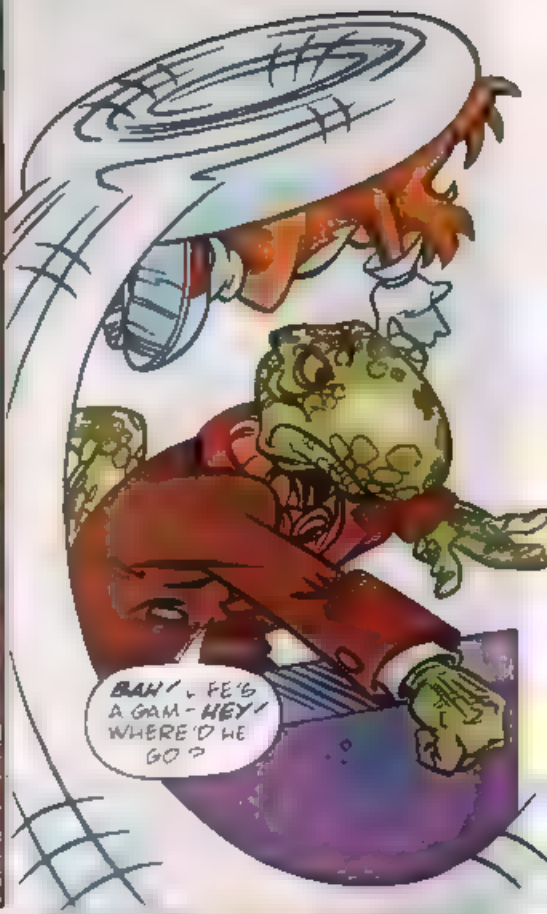

LOOK OUT! YOU'LL BE SQUASHED!
HA, HA! IT'S NOT REAL, SILLY!


REAL TO ME MOVE!
HH?
CRAASH!

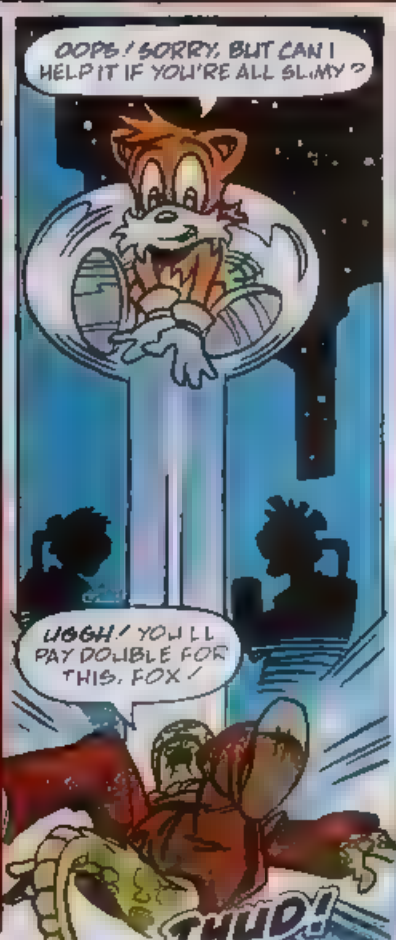

IT'S YOU, TAILS!
HOW MANY OTHER FLYING FOXES DO YOU KNOW?
BUT WHEN I WAS WEARING THIS HEADSET YOU LOOKED LIKE A BADNIK!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR OPTICIAN!
YAHOO! PHASERS ON STUN!
ZZAP!
SO, ANYONE WEARING A HEADSET SEES ME AS A BADNIK, RIGHT?
PZZANG!
FRAID SO!
ZIP!
MAX GAMBLE TOLD US WE WERE PLAYING A VIRTUAL REALITY GAME! HE SAID WHAT WE SAW THROUGH THE HEADSET WASN'T REAL!
MAX GAMBLE! HE'S THE VILLAIN WHO RUNS THIS PLACE!*
*TAILS MET MAX IN STC #81 – Megadroid
MAX GAMBLE
HEH, HEH! TAILS MADE ME LOOK A FOOL ONCE NOW HE'LL PAY!

YES, LIFE'S A GAMBLE WHEN YOU MESS WITH MAX!
HEY! I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT! MAYBE I'LL USE IT AS MY CATCHPHRASE!

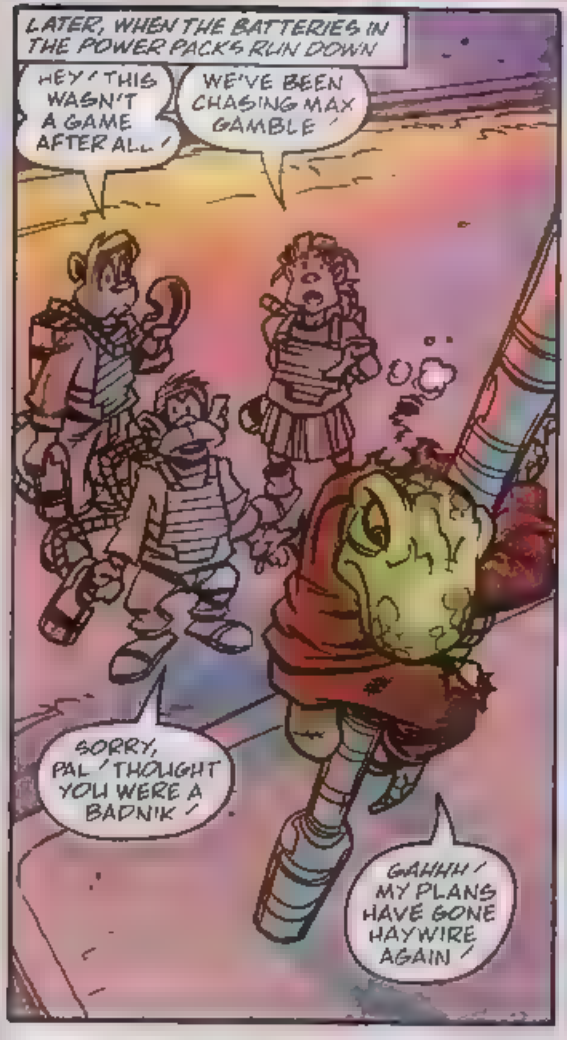

TAILS! HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
YOUR ADDRESS IS IN THE 'PHONE BOOK, LIZARD LAPS

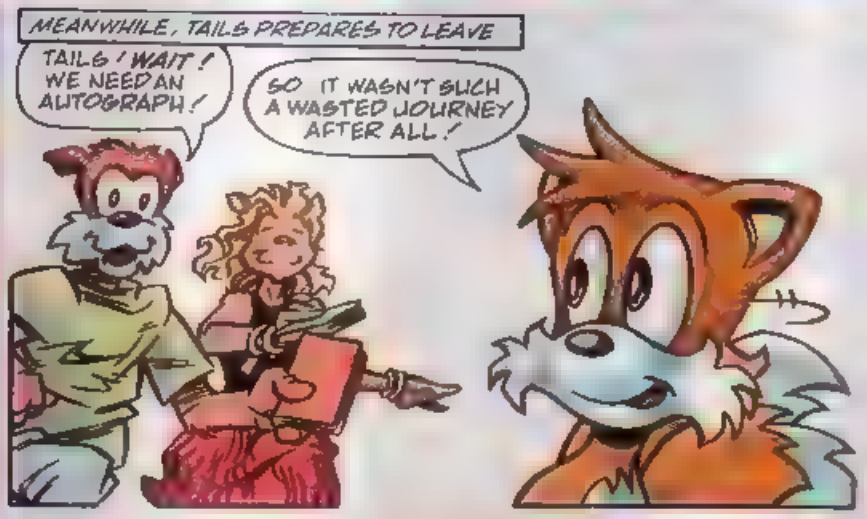

BAH! LAPS A GAM- HEY! WHERE'D HE GO?

CARE FOR A FREE FLIGHT, MAX? WHEW! YOU SHOULD LOSE SOME WEIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT? PUT ME DOWN!


OOPS! SORRY, BUT CAN I HELP IT IF YOU'RE ALL SLIMY?
UGGH! YOU'LL PAY DOUBLE FOR THIS, FOX!
THUD!

NOW YOU'RE FOR IT. OKAY, GANG, GO FOR THE SQUIRT!





NEXT ISSUE DUE TO BOOMER DEMAND THOSE MAD DECAPPERS RETURN!

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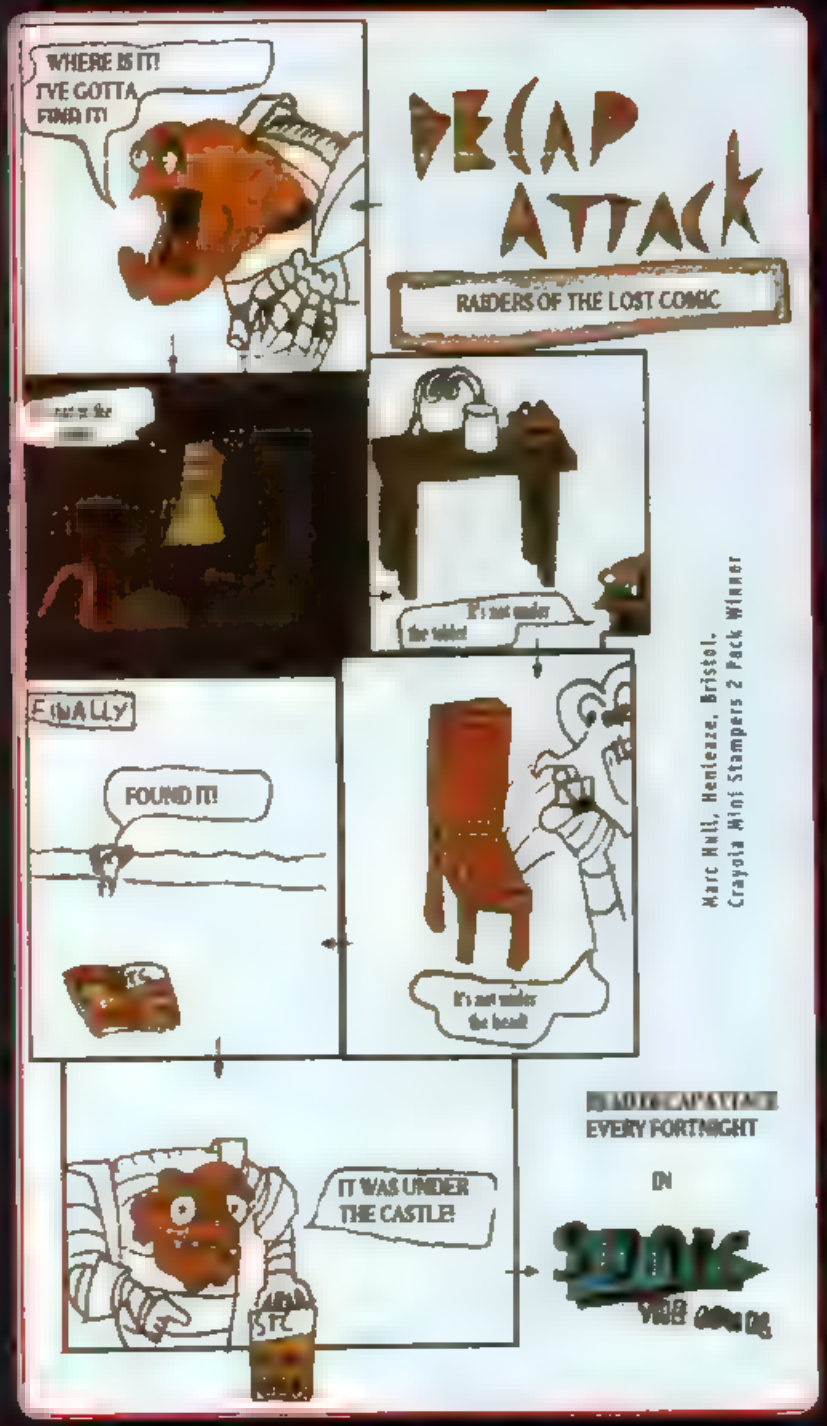

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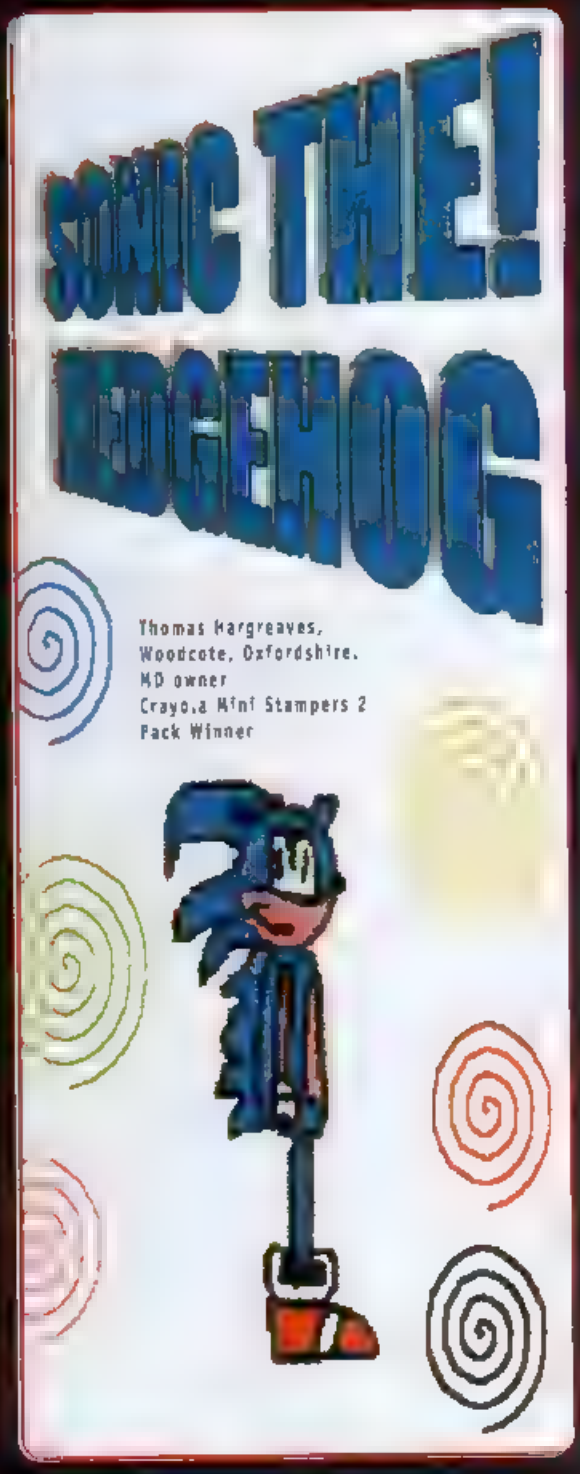

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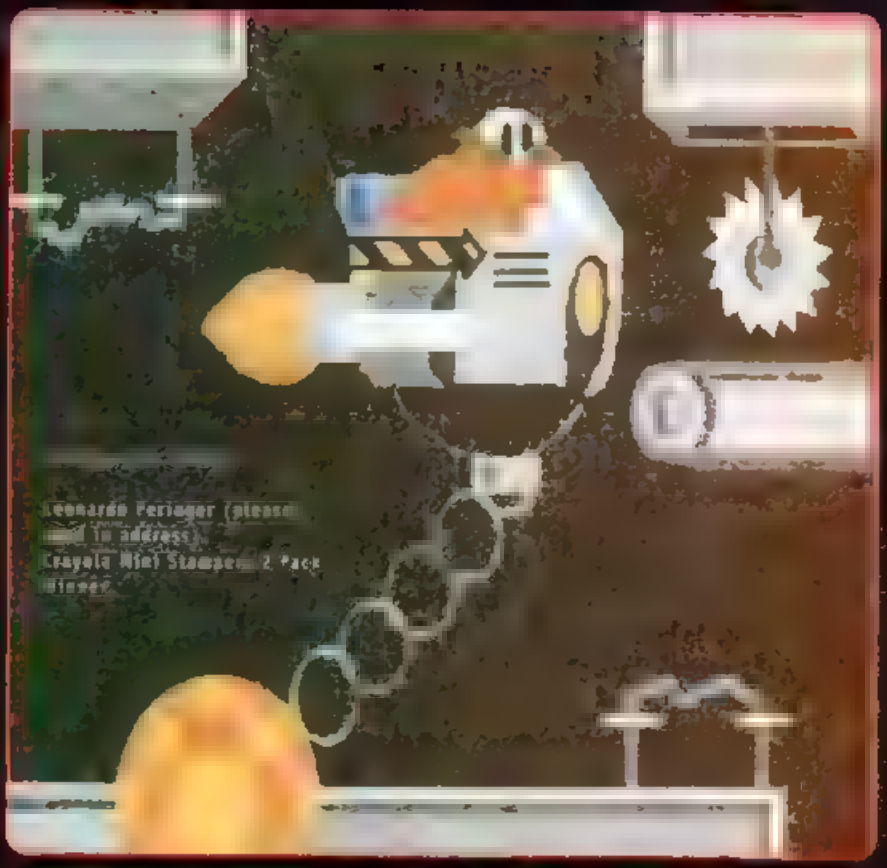

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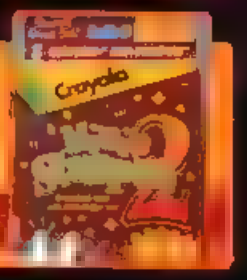

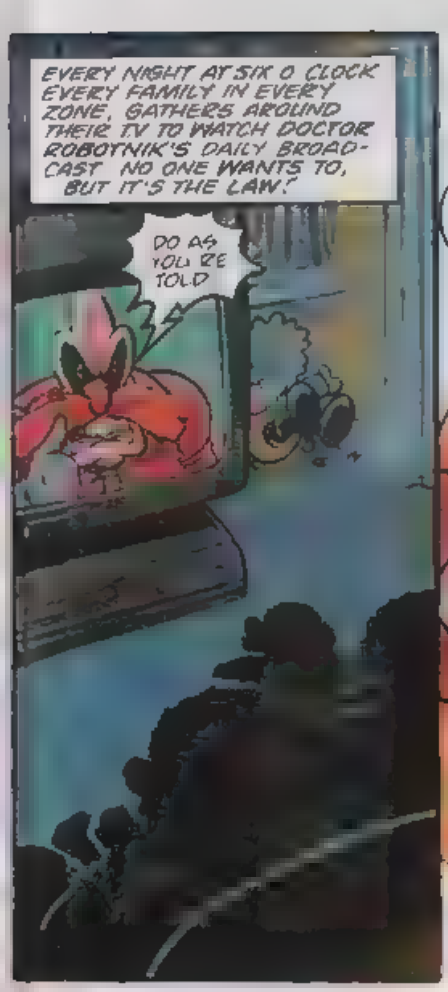

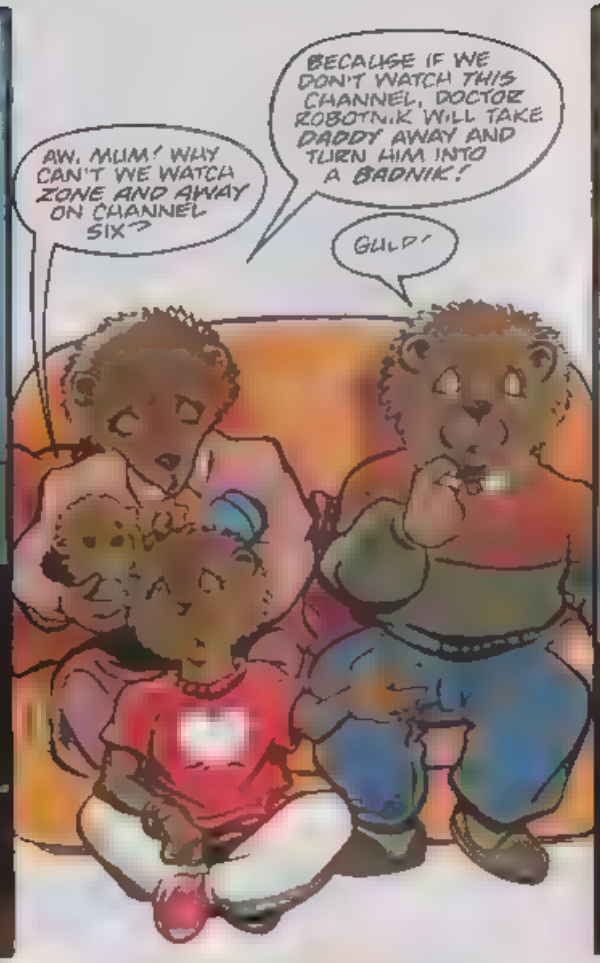

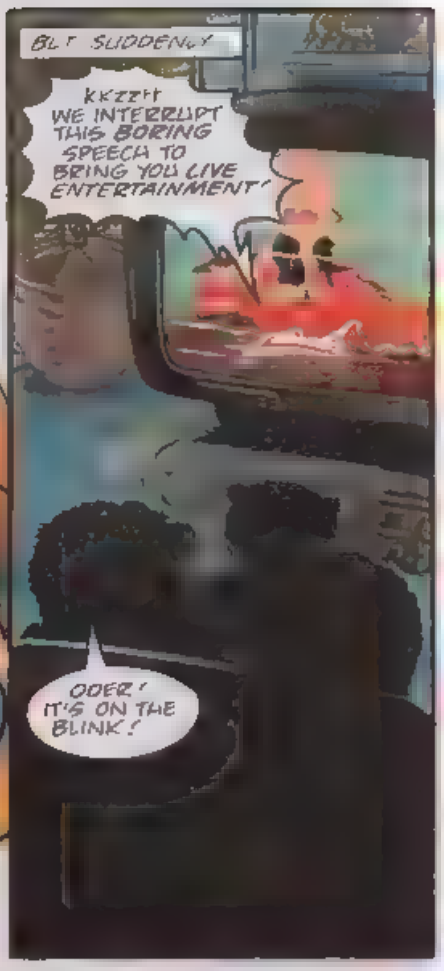

SONIC'S WORLD

MOCK THE DOC

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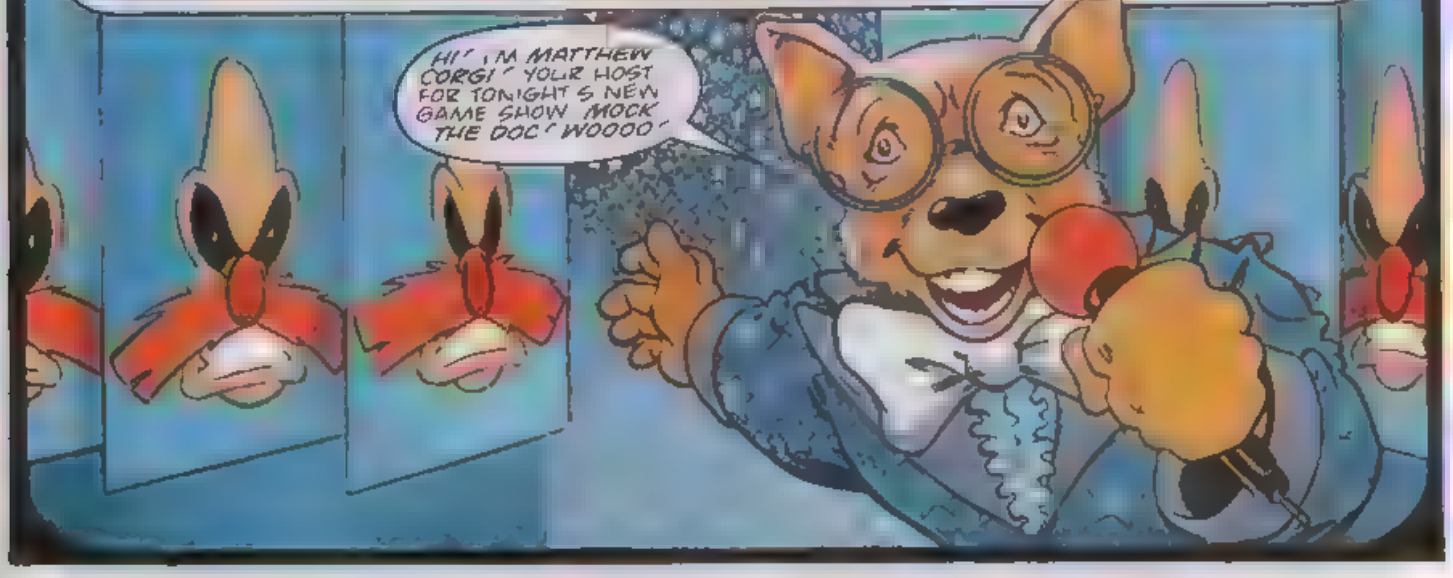

THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS! WE'VE JAMMED THE SIGNALS OF ROBOTNIK'S BROADCAST TO REPLACE IT WITH THE TYPE OF SHOW YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE WOOOO!
ALL GAME SHOW HOSTS DO IT. MAYBE HIS TROUSERS ARE TOO TIGHT
WHY DOES HE KEEP SAYING WOOOO, DADDY?
BAH! I'M THE RULER OF THIS PLANET I AM! DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR I'LL SIT ON YOU!
WOOOO! GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
THIS IS THE SHOW WHERE WE INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FUN OF OUR ROTTEN RULER!
NOW HERE'S TONIGHT'S FIRST CONTESTANT, TEDDY GORMLESS FROM THE MARBLE ZONE!
ALL ACROSS THE ZONES VIEWERS LOOK ON
HEY THIS IS FUN!
THE REAL ROBOTNIK WON'T BE TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT THOUGH!
MEANWHILE IN CITADEL ROBOTNIK
AND AS MILLIONS OF YOU WATCH ME TONIGHT WITH FEAR AND ADMIRATION
AHEM! ER. NO ONE IS WATCHING, MASTER!

WHAAAT?
A PIRATE T.V. STATION HAS TUNED IN TO YOUR FREQUENCY! IT'S THE SAME IN EVERY ZONE!
I'M GINGER, I'M PROUD, I'M FAT, BALD AND LOUD!

HOW DARE THEY? GRIMER! TRACK THE SIGNAL TO ITS SOURCE! THEN SEND THE TROOPERS TO...INTERRUPT THEIR BROADCAST!
WILL DO!

BACK TO THE STUDIO...
I'M DOCTOR "DON'T CALL ME CONE-HEAD" ROBOTNIK, AND I CAN BEAT ANYBODY... EXCEPT FOR THAT LITTLE BLUE HEDGEHOG!
WOOOO! HA! HA! PRICELESS!

THANK YOU, BILL WALRUS! NOW, OUR NEXT CONTESTANT IS... UH-OH!
SHOW'S OVER, CORGI!

GOTCHA! NOW, EVERYONE WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO MOCK THE DOC! I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS!
BUT...THE TROOPERS ARE CONFUSED...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?
THAT'S NOT THE MASTER! THIS IS!
THE ROBOTS AREN'T BRIGHT ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU'RE ALL FAKES! PLAY IT UP, GANG!
TROOPER! OBEY ME!
UH?
IGNORE HIM! OBEY ME!
I'M THE FATTEST! OBEY ME!
DOES NOT COMPUTE!
MY BRAIN HURTS!
ANYONE WHO FOLLOWS A FAKE MASTER IS A TRAITOR! AAGHH!
Y'KNOW, I THINK WE'VE ALL BEEN TRICKED! NNGGHH!
WOOOO! GREAT T.V.!
BLAMM
ZZAMM!

BUT STAY TUNED TO STC EVERY FORTNIGHT, BOOMERS!

SPEED LINES

EITHER POST YOUR MAIL TO:-
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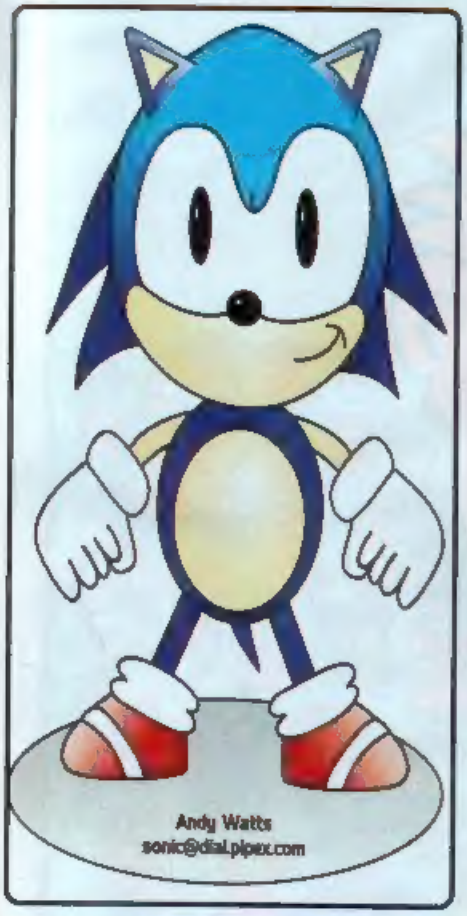


HANDY ANDY!

Dear Megadroid,

Thought you might be interested in a Sonic picture which I drew on my PC using Corel Draw (see above). Even if I am 18 years of age, I still think it would be way cool if you could print it in *STC*! Can you help?

Andy Watts, Romsey, Hampshire.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

Anything to help the aged, Andy!

TAKING THE HICKEY!

Q: How did Tails do in his exams?
A: He passed with flying colours!

Darren Hickey, Ballovalane, Co Cork, Rep of Ireland.
MD owner.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

EVERYTHING PRINTED IN SPEEDLINES WINS A SENSATIONAL SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!

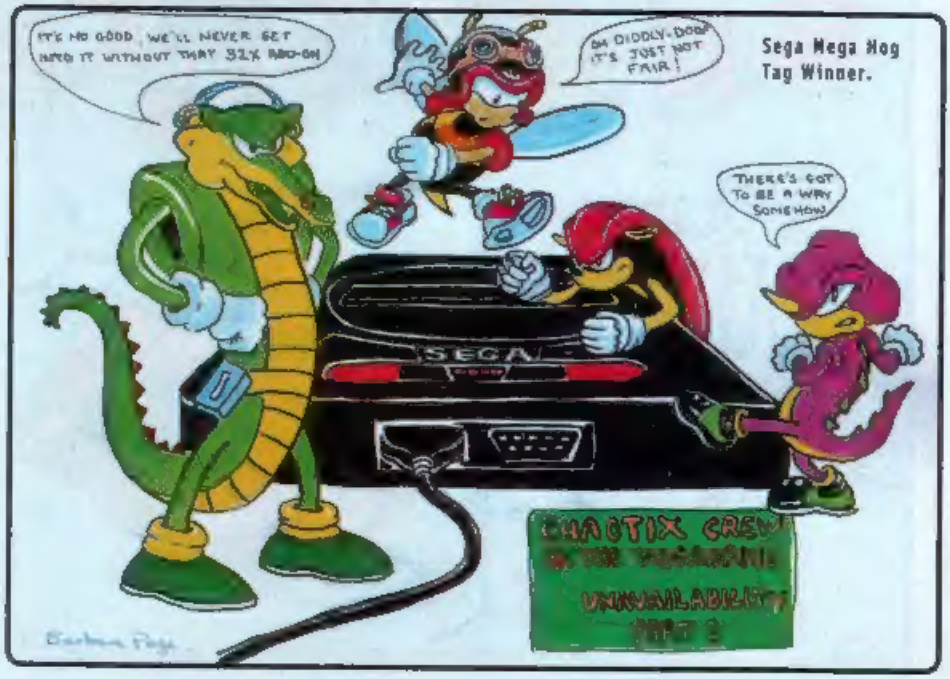
PARENTAL APPROVAL!

Dear *STC*,

I'm not the only one in our house who's a Chaotix fan, and to prove it here's a picture drawn by my mum (see below) who - like me - reads the comic each fortnight!

Matt Page, Worthing, W Sussex.
MD owner.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

That's what I call a superior mother, Matt!



Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.